

**EXECUTIVE ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS OF
GENERAL APPLICABILITY, AND STATEMENTS
ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR
PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(3)**

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the full-text publication of all Executive Orders and Proclamations of General Applicability issued by the Governor. In addition, the *Register* shall include each statement filed by the Governor in granting a commutation, pardon or reprieve, or stay or suspension of execution where a sentence of death is imposed.

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, statewide the lack of precipitation has caused vegetation to be extremely dry and more susceptible to burning; and

WHEREAS, low humidity and high temperatures have caused this fuel to be extremely dry and flammable adding to the serious fire hazard, creating the conditions of extreme peril to a considerable number of persons and to property throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, a severe forest and grassland fire contingency exists which with the association with rapid population increases and development in the rural/wildland areas of the state could endanger the lives and property of considerable numbers of persons of the state and the state's political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the state does not possess the total organic capability for the prevention and immediate suppression of said fires, and assistance must be provided by federal agencies or through financial procurement; and

WHEREAS, such fire prevention and suppression activities will be conducted in accordance with the Arizona State Land Department Fire Mobilization Plan and the Joint Powers Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has authorized the Governor emergency authority monies in the event of an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 37-623.02, 35-192, or both, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fife Symington, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the state, do hereby determine that the contingency of such fires justifies the declaration of a statewide emergency. Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 26-303(D), 37-623.02, and 35-192, and I do hereby:

- a. Declare that a state of emergency exists effective July 1, 1996.
- b. Direct that the Adjutant General is authorized in my name to mobilize or call to active duty all or such part of the Arizona National Guard as is determined necessary to assist the State Land Department in their role of suppressing wildland fires on state and private lands. The State Land Department's responsibility includes protecting the lives, property, and resources of a considerable number of citizens in the state.
- c. Direct that the Adjutant General is hereby authorized in my name to mobilize and call to active duty all or such

part of the National Guard as is determined necessary to assist the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs in suppressing forest and grassland fires which endanger lives and property in accordance with existing support agreements at no expense to the state.

- d. Direct the sum of \$100,000 from the General Fund be made available to the State Land Commissioner to expend emergency funds in accordance with the established procedures contained in A.R.S. § 37-623.02.
- e. In addition to monies provided herein, all other monies contributed to the Fire Suppression Fund established pursuant to A.R.S. § 37-623.02(H) as a result of this proclamation are hereby authorized for expenditure by the Commissioner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused to be affixed the Great
Seal of the State of Arizona.

FIFE SYMINGTON
Governor

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this first day
of July in the year of Our Lord One Thousand
Nine Hundred and Ninety-six and of the Inde-
pendence of the United States of America the
Two Hundred and Twentieth.

ATTEST:

JANE DEE HULL
Secretary of State